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SUBJECT: U.S.-EGYPT STRATEGIC DIALOGUE OF JUNE 7

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- 1.(C) The U.S.-Egypt strategic dialogue meeting of June 7 covered several major regional and global issues, with a special focus on the Israel-
- 2.(C) FM Aboul Gheit reiterated praise for the President's June 4 speech in his bilateral meeting with the Under Secretary. U/S Burns said that
- 3.(C) Aboul Gheit focused on Sudan, and said that the Egyptians had suggested to the President on June 4 that the U.S. support greater involven
- 4.(C) Aboul Gheit pressed that the USG support Egyptian inclusion in multilateral venues on the global economy, and complained that the U.S. ha
- 5.(C) Aboul Gheit said that Somalia has been a "mess" since 1992, and contended that an international force of 80,000 soldiers would be necessa
- 6.(C) Egyptian MFA Spokesman and Senior Advisor Hossam Zaki briefed on Middle East peace efforts. He said that the GOE is increasingly focused
- 7.(C) Zaki said that the Egyptians are continuing to maintain contacts with the Israelis, as well as meeting Hamas and other Palestinian factic
- 8.(C) U/S Burns said that the Administration is indeed dedicated to advancing Middle East peace, as evidenced by the very early engagement of t
- 9.(C) Zaki responded that in Egypt's view the burden is squarely on Israel to take steps on settlements before any reciprocal steps from the Ar
- 10.(C) Asst. Minister Bassim asked about U.S.-Syrian talks, and expressed interest in coordinating with the U.S. U/S Burns confirmed that U.S.-
- 11.(C) U/S Burns said that after a painful period at the outset of the post-Saddam era, there has been steady improvement in Iraq on several fr
- 12.(C) Assistant Minister for Arab Affairs Abdel Rahman Saleh said that Egypt "could not agree more" on the need to keep Iraq intact, so as not
- 13.(C) DAS Wycoff thanked Egypt for its cooperation with Special Envoy for Sudan Scott Gration. The U.S. focus was on implementing the Comprehe
- 14.(C) Ambassador Kassem, Director of the Sudan Department - who will represent Egypt at the June 23 meeting - said Egypt was encouraging the N
- 15.(C) Assistant Foreign Minister Wafaa Bassim said Egypt preferred a united Sudan over a disintegration in "our backyard" that could send mill
- 16.(C) DAS Wycoff highlighted U.S. efforts to pressure the governments of Chad and Sudan to stop supporting each others' insurgencies, which wa